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JURISDICTION

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Jurisdiction

The current authority of the Provincial Courts (Family Division) includes the following matters:

1. Prosecutions under the federal Juvenile Delinquents Act in respect of the criminal conduct of infant offenders (juvenile delinquency) and criminal conduct against infant victims (contributing to delinquency).
2. Child protection under the Child Welfare Act, dealing with intervention through Children's Aid Societies into a family's life, when its care and treatment of children fall below certain minimal standards.
3. Adoption under the Child Welfare Act, dealing with the dissolution of previous parent-child relationships and the legal establishment of new ones.
4. Inter-spousal rights and obligations under the Family Law Reform Act and the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act, covering such things as financial support of a dependent spouse and protection from spousal harassment and molestation.
5. Parent-child rights and obligations under the Children's Law Reform Act, the Family Law Reform Act and the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act, such as custody and access, findings of paternity, child support, protection from harassment and molestation by the non-custodial parent and extra-territorial enforcement of custody orders.

The federal Young Offenders Act (which is to replace The Juvenile Delinquents Act at some unspecified future date, possibly in 1984) will expand the jurisdiction of the courts by its inclusion of crimes committed by sixteen and seventeen year old youths.

Decisions involving the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in family law matters have, to date, been few and not of overwhelming consequence. Perhaps the most significant of these has been the transforming of the Juvenile Court into a tribunal that is open to the public and the press.

ANNUAL REPORT (Jurisdiction cont.)

Provincial judges also have the authority to try many offences under the federal Criminal Code and under the Provincial Offences Act of Ontario. Many intra-familial offences (such as domestic assaults and incest) are heard by judges who, while they normally preside over their local Provincial Court (Family Division), reconstitute their court as the local Provincial Court (Criminal Division) or Provincial Offences Court because only the latter courts have the jurisdiction to hear these criminal and regulatory matters.

ADMINISTRATION

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Judicial and administrative activities of the Family Division Courts were carried out by 72 Judges.

Chief Judge	1
Associate Chief Judge	1
Full-time Family Division Judges	58
Part-time Judges	1
Per Diem Judges	2
Judges serving both Criminal and Family Divisions	9
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There were no judicial appointments and no retirements during the year. Six extensions of service were granted.

There are 34 full-time Family Court offices and 20 combined Family and Criminal Division offices providing support services for sittings which are held at 118 locations throughout the Province.

CHIEF JUDGE'S OFFICE

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Four Judges remain in residence at the Chief Judge's Office.

There was an increased demand for their assistance in providing relief services to many areas during the year.

In the 1981-82 fiscal year they provided an additional 254 sitting days. In the last fiscal year this figure rose by 55 days to a total of 309 days.

Summer students with the Chief Judge's Office undertook the preparation of papers on 'Enforcement of Maintenance Orders', 'Blood Testing in Disputed Paternity Proceedings', 'Access After Adoption', 'Extra-territorial Enforcement of Custody Orders' and 'The Emancipation of Minors', a proposal for law reform.

The students also worked on a Judges' Desk Book, an ambitious attempt to annotate the statutes administered by the Judges of the Provincial Courts (Family Division) with all possible reported and unreported decisions. This project will be carried on during the summer of 1983.

Family Division Courts continue to participate in the Youth Secretariat's 'Experience' programs. One thousand and eighty four applicants vied for

the sixty three positions that were made available to students at thirty-three court locations throughout the Province.

Courts at some distance from Universities with law faculties and Community Colleges continue to experience difficulty in obtaining suitable candidates for summer employment.

The office continues to circulate summaries of judgments to Family Division Judges under the editorial supervision of a board of Judges.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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The Ontario Family Court Judges Association and the Chief Judge's Judicial Development Institute combined to hold a Spring Seminar in May, 1982.

The annual meeting of the Association took place in September, 1982, and a second session of the Institute, devoted to the Young Offenders Act, was held in February of the following year.

Thirty-one Judges attended twenty-seven conferences in Europe, the United States and Canada. Topics included a wide range of subjects such as Children's Learning Disabilities, Child Abuse, Evidence, Judgment writing, The Young Offenders' Act, Mediation and Court Management.

REGIONAL REPORT • NORTH WESTERN

REGIONAL REPORT · NORTH WESTERN

Judicial Districts of: Thunder Bay · Rainy River
District of: Kenora

THUNDER BAY

The North of Superior Community Mental Health Program was established in August 1982. It is jointly funded through the Ministries of Health and Community and Social Services.

Under the supervision of a psychologist and a psychiatrist the program is headquartered at Terrace Bay with outlying offices at Geraldton, Marathon, Nipigon and Manitouwadge. The facility is equipped to provide assessment and treatment services to children and those family members who have emotional or matrimonial problems.

This facility serves the entire District, excluding the City of Thunder Bay.

On December 1st, 1982, the Regional Children's Centre officially transferred from the Ministry of Health to the Ministry of Community and Social Services. This centre serves the city of Thunder Bay.

The Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay reports, in its yearly service plan, that Native Child Welfare Prevention Programs continue to develop with a family support worker in place at Longlac and further planning under way.

During the 1982 the Society continued to support programs such as the Parent Link Native Volunteer Program, The Parenting, Self-Help Group and The Nursery School Enrichment Program as a means of extending their family services.

It has now been acknowledged that there is a definite need for a short-term residential assessment facility in this region; accordingly the Ministry has hired a consultant to submit a report. It is expected in October, 1983.

KENORA

Generally, the services affecting the Court remain unchanged. During the past two years there has been a dramatic decline in the number of children involved with the law. The Crisis Intervention Programs remain in effect in Whitedog and Grassy Narrows. It is discouraging to note that Community Service Work Orders continue to meet with some disfavour.

A Child Abuse Protection team is well on its way to being established in Kenora. It will be

receiving counselling assistance from the Child Development Centre and the Mental Health Unit at Lake of the Woods Hospital.

The Probation and After Care Services in this area continue to participate in a wide spectrum of community activities and projects.

RAINY RIVER

During the year the Provincial Court (Family Division) has maintained the same general level of activity as in previous years. There has been the usual close co-operation of the Children's Aid Society and the Probation and After-Care Services.

In addition there is now a promise of advancing the Court's Assessment and Counselling capabilities.

During 1982 the Regional Diagnostic Service separated from the Ministry of Health and the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital and a new Child Guidance Centre was established under the aegis of the Board of Directors of the Family and Social Services Agency which operates the Children's Aid Society of the District of Rainy River.

The centre is now capable of providing family counselling, psychiatric testing and assessment together

with continuing therapy, all of which is almost useful to the Court.

In addition to the Child Guidance Centre the Children's Aid Society has carried on a program further developing the concept of native prevention workers on the Reserves. These programs are directed towards the goal of involving the native people, their band council and other band organizations in finding solutions to their problems. It is a form of collective responsibility which does much to relieve the Court in wardship applications.

The Probation and Aftercare Service continues to be active in programs such as Operation Aware, dealing with peer pressure in the elementary school. They also assist the Court in administering tests to juveniles who are under court order to make themselves acquainted with certain sections of the Highway Traffic Act, the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act and the Liquor Licence Act.

One matter which continues to concern the Court is the lack of adequate group home facilities for female juveniles with special needs. Without adequate facilities for these children the Court is forced to make a choice between a Children's Aid

Society foster home in southern Ontario, a thousand miles away, or a training school.

REGIONAL REPORT • NORTH EASTERN

REGIONAL REPORT • NORTH EASTERN

Districts of: Algoma • Cochrane • Nipissing •
Manitoulin • Parry Sound • Sudbury •
Temiskaming •

There is a major problem throughout the Region in obtaining clinical assessments of children. For example, the Timmins and Cochrane areas have a resident psychiatrist who is overwhelmed with work. The Courts have consequently adopted the practice of placing children in detention in Sudbury in order to obtain an assessment. These also face substantial delay. The problem may be occasioned by a lack of funding or an inability to attract a sufficient number of qualified professionals to the region. Whatever the reason, excessive delays in obtaining assessments have a negative effect on the children involved.

Service to the native reserves is still limited. Children's Aid Society workers, at considerable expense, consume a great deal of time in travelling long distances to fulfil their supervisory responsibilities and these never appear adequate to the real needs in native communities.

Probation and After-Care officers appear to be working effectively. There are very few

re-hearings and more good reports on children are heard than unsuccessful ones. The Diversion Program purchased on contract from the John Howard Society in Sudbury is effective. The town police report that they never see again ninety percent of the youngsters they refer to the program.

A Native Detention Group Home has been established in Moosonee. As a result, children who were moved out of the community in the past, away from their accustomed milieu, are now left in that environment but at a different place where they can be stabilized where their behaviour can be modified and hopefully, where they can be returned home much sooner. It is an expensive operation but it minimizes the disruption of the life of the child.

The Family Courts throughout the District are now served regularly by Legal Aid Duty Counsel.

REGIONAL REPORT • SOUTH WEST

REGIONAL REPORT • SOUTH WEST

Counties of: Bruce • Essex • Elgin • Grey • Oxford
Middlesex • Perth • Kent • Huron •
Lambton.

The program of improving court facilities continues gradually with the Chatham court now relocated in new premises and with the Sarnia Court moved to renovated and more spacious quarters. Woodstock and Walkerton still need attention.

Increased use of pre-trial techniques continues throughout the region. As Judges develop their individual styles the expected benefits accrue. There appears to be more flexibility to meet temporary increased demands for judicial time in different locations in and outside the region. Court and judicial time is being used more efficiently and it is now possible to provide consecutive days for longer trials.

Diversion programs of various types operate throughout the region. A structured project is being operated in the Waterloo region and in the Counties of Grey, Bruce and Wellington.

In 1977 the Ministry of Community and Social Services provided initial funding for the Waterloo Project. Expansion has brought additional funding for operational and research components from the Federal Solicitor General's Consultation Centre.

A recent comprehensive evaluation suggests that the program has a beneficial impact on those involved, with the potential that referral to Diversion is less expensive than referral to court. Further, there may be bases for concluding that referral to Diversion is more effective from a recidivism point of view.

Judges throughout the region continue to participate in training sessions, seminars and workshops for personnel from Community and Social Services, Probation & After-care, Parental Support Workers, Children's Aid Societies, Child Abuse Committees, Attendance Counsellors with regard to the Young Offenders Act, and the Child Welfare Act on the court process and evidentiary problems.

Concern is being expressed throughout the region about the apparent unwillingness by Legal Aid authorities to continue funding for support applications by married women and for paternity proceedings where social assistance is involved.

The advent of the computer age is prompting the judiciary to consider effective uses which might be made of this extraordinary tool in the operation of the court, scheduling, research and establishing case digests.

REGIONAL REPORT • CENTRAL WEST

REGIONAL REPORT • CENTRAL WEST

Counties of: Brant • Wellington • Dufferin •
Judicial Districts of: Haldimand • Norfolk • Halton •
Niagara North • Niagara South •
Waterloo •

The Niagara North District has now joined with all of the courts in Niagara North in occupying the long awaited new court premises. The accommodation is excellent with the new facility providing two full sized courtrooms for family division, ample waiting room area, intake and counselling areas, general office area and a truly functional layout attending to the requirements of both utility and security.

In 1982-83 pre-trial meetings dealing with Juvenile matters have begun to include probation officers, any social workers involved with the child, the provincial prosecutor, and duty counsel. These meetings occur on a date prior to the Juvenile Court date. They were begun to overcome the increasingly extended Juvenile Court days. The problem arises out of the little time which is available on court days for the crown and other parties to exchange information and mutual concerns regarding juveniles on the list. The project is a temporary one but the results indicate that continuation thereof is most desirable.

A request for increased use of duty counsel for other than juvenile days, specifically Child Welfare

and Family Law Reform Act lists, is still being pursued but is not, as yet, forthcoming.

The charges under the Juvenile Delinquents Act have recently sustained a huge increase resulting from a decision by police and Crown to lay and proceed on all charges instead of one or two as in the past.

The use of gaol for default in appropriate cases is continuing although, in co-operation with the John Howard Society, the sentence, in many instances, is served intermittently with the first weekend in gaol and if the debtor agrees, successive weekends are spent performing community services. The advantages to the taxpayer and the community, as well as the potential for on-going support to the debtor's family, are obvious.

In the Welland, Niagara and Fort Erie areas the year has proven to be difficult for families because of the high ratio of unemployment. This has resulted in a substantial increase in applications for custody and support orders, for the variation of existing orders and for the collection of arrears. The problem is emphasized because of some degree of understaffing which recently has been helped by the obtaining of a 24 hour a week contract clerk.

In addition, an increased use of the Family Counselling Department of the Family and Children's

Services of the Niagara Region in assisting with access problems has helped.

The problem of maintaining regular scheduling and accommodating any extended trials or attending to demands which may require the Judge's absence from court are carefully monitored. This Court, with three sitting locations is pressed to the maximum for scheduling time.

The Haldimand, Norfolk, Brant areas are now utilizing, whenever possible, a pre-trial system. As they are served by a single Judge with one out-side Judge assisting at Brantford on one day of each week, it has proven necessary to seek additional judicial assistance for extended trials, particularly in Cayuga and Simcoe. This problem obviously arises when the regular Judge, after an unsuccessful pre-trial is disqualified from taking the trial.

No new resources have been introduced in the 1982-83 year but parental support workers are utilized where available.

The Wellington County area has the use of a registered psychologist to assist with conciliation services at a modest charge to the clients. It

greatly assists with the resolution of both custody and access issues.

The Juvenile Division of the Guelph Police Department is active in prevention and pre-court efforts with juveniles and their families, and this, coupled with the ongoing Diversion Program, has a significant impact on the juvenile caseload.

Due to the possibility of a funding modification the Wellington Court has some concerns with respect to the continued ~~availability~~ of the Diversion Program and the Assessment Services of the Conestoga Community Clinic.

The servicing of the Orangeville Court continues to be handled on a three day per month basis. When necessary, extra judicial assistance is supplied for extended trials.

The Waterloo region has had no new resource development but does continue to benefit from ongoing resources such as the Counselling Service staffed by Wilfred Laurier University students from the School of Social Work, the Diversion Program, The Parental Support Program, The John Howard Society and the availability of Detention Facilities in Kitchener, Hamilton, London and Oakville.

The Court continues to utilize the summer students made available to it each year through the Youth Secretariats' Experience Programs.

The caseload is beginning to cause some stress on regularly scheduled court time in Kitchener and Cambridge as the Resident Judges find it necessary to appear in other area courts. Thirty days have been devoted to hearings conducted in other areas thus far in 1983.

REGIONAL REPORT • CENTRAL

REGIONAL REPORT • CENTRAL

Judicial Districts of: York • York Region • Peel •

Contested Child Welfare trials continue to present the biggest challenge to the delivery of judicial service. While juvenile matters generally and waiver applications in particular have either stabilized or in some areas reduced the volume of cases involving extended trials on issues of custody and access continues to occupy our serious attention.

Persistent monitoring of all schedules and the concomitant use of flexible assignments of judges has minimized the potentially negative fall-out from the absence of judges through illness or other inability to preside. Judges and Court Support Services continue to emphasize alternatives to litigation wherever and whenever possible. The Conciliation and Counselling Services are used extensively. In addition to direct services to persons involved, the staff, Judges, volunteers and representatives of all helping professions continue to maintain a collaborative approach to the development of new programs.

Some of these programs are not only successful but continue to be used by the whole of Metropolitan

Toronto and outlying areas, by Judges of the Family Court and Supreme Court, Masters and Commissioners, Lawyers, Educators and others.

Local Family Court Service Committees and Bench and Bar Committees are particularly effective in the Region and their continued support is of immeasurable value. Initiation of, and participation in study sessions at the local regional and other levels of the community are, subject to reasonable restraints, encouraged and fostered.

Restitution and Community Service Orders continue to provide effective alternatives to traditional dispositions in juvenile matters. The provincial probation services and their volunteer component are primarily responsible for organizing and supervising these very successful programs. While the general volume of juvenile delinquency matters may not be increasing, there is an increased problem of providing detention facilities for a greater relative number of those who come before the courts. This is particularly true in the York Region. Local detention facilities both secure and non-secure must be available to minimize delays in hearing matters and more importantly to avoid hardship and inconvenience for the youths, their families and the professionals involved.

The Crown Attorney's presence in Family Court continues to be a visible and important asset. The prosecution of matters concerning domestic assaults, juvenile matters, the preparation and presentation of matters, the effective collaboration with law enforcement officials and administration in the court regarding scheduling of these matters is beyond question a significant factor in the improved services. The Crown Attorney continues to provide effective guidance and counsel to the community and law reformers on issues involving juvenile delinquency and domestic violence.

Thus this important component of the administration of justice, we are pleased to report, is gaining its rightful recognition.

Initiatives to relocate or alter existing court accommodation and to re-assign the judiciary on a community-oriented basis continue, but regrettably at a pace that can only be described as excessively slow. While there are many things that can be done to improve the delivery of justice, it is obvious that those things cannot be done without adequate resources. The court space must be found within the community if we are to make effective use of the volunteers in the area while ensuring equitable access to the court

by the public.

The use of computers for monitoring and enforcing maintenance payments is being actively pursued. This will hopefully be a significant part of our continuing vigilance to maximize the effective use of judicial court time. While some "down time" in the courts is unavoidable, there is a concerted effort and commitment to ensuring that administrative and judicial resources are being used effectively.

In addition to a serious need for better accommodation, an increase in judicial complement in the region is required to ensure minimum coverage of the courts during judges absences due to illness, vacation and court-related commitments. The exemplary dedication, good-will and sense of commitment on everyone's part has enabled us to provide services during some trying times.

Good fortune alone dictates that we have not been required to tax the existing resources to the breaking point earlier. We cannot afford to continue to count on good fortune alone.

There is need for at least one more judge in the region who could be introduced into a system of

regular rotation either individually or with others to ensure that courts and the public are not unnecessarily inconvenienced or neglected by the absence of a judge.

REGIONAL REPORT • EASTERN

REGIONAL REPORT • EASTERN

Judicial Districts of: Ottawa-Carleton • Stormont, Dundas
and Glengarry •

United Counties of: Leeds and Grenville • Prescott and
Russell •

Counties of: Frontenac • Hastings • Lanark • Renfrew •
Lennox and Addington • Prince Edward •

Family Courts are held in the following
Eastern Ontario Locations: Belleville, Napanee,
Bancroft, Picton, Trenton, Kingston, Brockville,
Smiths Falls, Cornwall, L'Original, Rockland, Ottawa,
Braeside, Renfrew and Pembroke. The several judges
serve their respective communities both in and outside
their court. Most judges are involved with community
based organizations that seek to serve those citizens
in need of assistance. Moreover, the judges also
continue to serve their communities through education
based programs including involvement with schools,
youth groups and social agencies.

In Ottawa-Carleton planning for the new court
continued with specific involvement of the judiciary
in relation to family Court sectors.

Extensive facilities for Family Court were
undertaken in Lanark.

Pre-trials as a method of narrowing and/or resolving issues has been extended to several areas in Eastern Ontario including Frontenac, Ottawa-Carleton, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. Hopefully this program will expand throughout the area as it is seen as a viable and desirable alternative to direct litigation.

REGIONAL REPORT • CENTRAL EAST

REGIONAL REPORT • CENTRAL EAST

District of: Muskoka •
Judicial District of: Durham •
Counties of: Simcoe • Northumberland • Peterborough
Victoria •

During the last year few changes have taken place in this region. Of considerable concern to lawyers and the Judges is the refusal of Legal Aid for assessments under Section 30 of the Children's Law Reform Act.

It should be noted that there has been an overall increase in cases received and current accounts this year.

DISTRICT OF MUSKOKA

Since April, 1982, the overall caseload is down 2% but there has been an increase of 62% in Child Welfare matters and a 32% increase under the Juvenile Delinquents Act. Maintenance and number of accounts has increased 13%.

For a number of years members of the Bar and the local Judge have delivered a series of lectures to female highschool graduates in grades 12 and 13. Lecture topics include the law relating to threats, assaults, incest and kidnapping under the Criminal Code.

Custody, access and maintenance provisions under the Family Law Reform Act and the Children's Law Reform Act and the abuse and neglect provisions of the Child Welfare Act. In addition, the students were made aware of the mandate and the location of the local helping agencies.

During the last five years, lawyers appeared to lose interest in the project in all except one school. This past year has shown a revival of interest due to the urging of the local Judge and the Board of Education.

The purpose of the program is to help prepare the girls for marriage and parenting. No funding is available, nor will it be needed for this project. It is intended in the future that the lectures will be concentrated at the Grade 9 level as it has been discovered that the majority of the cases before the courts which show a lack of comprehension involve girls who leave school at grade 9 or in the lower grades.

A native alcohol and drug addiction worker has been made available in the Muskoka District. It is expected that with this addition, some of the serious problems on the Reserves can be solved.

Attempts are being made to obtain funding to start a crisis centre for women. At present there is no place for emergency shelter for women and children in need.

In all other respects the report of 1981-82 applies to this District.

DISTRICT OF DURHAM

Since April, 1982, the overall caseload has increased 5%. Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders has increased 195%. Number of accounts has increased 13% and maintenance increased 10%.

In all other respects the 1981-82 report applies to this County.

COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND

Since April, 1982, the caseload has remained the same although there was an increase in criminal cases of 45% and a 30% increase in reciprocal matters. Accounts and maintenance increased 13%.

A Women in Crisis Centre has been established recently to which battered women can now be referred directly from the court office.

Duty counsel is now available for juvenile cases.

In all other respects the 1981-82 report applies.

COUNTY OF VICTORIA · COUNTY OF PETERBOROUGH

Since April, 1982, the overall caseload is down 5% but there has been an increase of 90% under the Education Act and 26% increase in criminal cases. Number of accounts and maintenance has increased 6%.

The new court facilities in Peterborough will be opened in April, 1983. The staff and the Judges are quite pleased with the adequate room and the security arrangements in the new location.

In all other respects the report of 1981-82 applies.

COUNTY OF SIMCOE

Since April, 1982, the overall caseload has increased 10%. Child Welfare Act, Education Act and enforcement matters each increased approximately 32%. The number of accounts has increased 18% and maintenance 6%.

The situation has been relieved to a great extent by the increase in the number of pre-trials prior to a trial date being set.

In Barrie the Children's Aid Society is now taking an active part in conciliation and if children are involved, an appointment for marriage counselling with the Children's Aid Society may be made through the court office.

Since August, 1982, a diversion group has been active in Barrie.

In addition to Orillia and Midland, Barrie now has a liaison representative between the members of the Bar and the Judge.

This year a series of lectures is being given by a member of the Bar at two highschoools in Orillia. The program is similar to Muskoka District program and has been received quite enthusiastically by the students and the staff.

In all other respects the report of 1981-82 applies to this County.

FINAL DISPOSITIONS

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	1980 - 1981				1981 - 1982				1982 - 1983			
	FLRA	CWA	JDA	OTHER	FLRA	CWA	JDA	OTHER	FLRA	CWA	JDA	OTHER
TORONTO	5,158	3,792	8,333	*873	6,684	3,572	8,131	*633	6,557	3,415	7,157	*840
REMAINDER OF PROVINCE	32,433	18,320	25,334	*4,595	35,306	16,401	24,483	*4,394	35,845	15,791	22,591	*4,765
	37,591	22,112	33,667	*5,468	41,990	19,973	32,614	*5,027	42,402	19,206	29,748	*5,605

MAINTENANCE COLLECTED AND DISBURSED

MAINTENANCE COLLECTED AND DISBURSED *

	1980 - 1981 MAINTENANCE		1981 - 1982 MAINTENANCE		1982 - 1983 MAINTENANCE	
	COLLECTED	DISBURSED	COLLECTED	DISBURSED	COLLECTED	DISBURSED
METRO TORONTO	5,414,083	1,013,111	6,079,004	1,127,683	6,803,264	1,269,941
REMAINDER OF PROVINCE	30,493,522	4,871,669	34,358,833	5,242,897	38,237,820	5,552,564
TOTAL	35,906,605	5,884,780	40,437,837	6,370,580	45,041,084	6,822,505

Note: * These statistics record only monies disbursed directly to the Treasurer of Ontario and Municipal Welfare.

NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS

REMAINING

AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR

NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS

REMAINING

AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR

	1980 - 1981	1981 - 1982	1982 - 1983
METRO TORONTO	6,561	7,877	8,895
REMAINDER OF PROVINCE	33,701	36,303	38,178

STATISTICAL REPORT

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15 July 1983

Your Honour:

Enclosed herewith is comparative study of caseloads.

As errors occasionally creep in, or there is a delay
in recording corrections on late filings, etc.,
please examine these statistics carefully as they
pertain to your court and advise of any discrepancies.

We welcome your comments.

Yours truly,

H.T.G. Andrews
Chief Judge

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COMPARATIVE STUDY

TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMPORARY ORDERS

COURTS	APR. 1/80 - MAR. 31/81	APR. 1/81 - MAR. 31/82	APR. 1/82 - MAR. 31/83
BARRIE	4838	5105	4769
BELLEVILLE	4389	4050	4117
BRACEBRIDGE	603	637	659
BRANPTON	5492	6517	6704
BRANTFORD	2915	2901	2699
BROCKVILLE	1538	1488	1861
CAYUGA	746	660	841
CHATHAM	3084	3210	3105
COBOURG	1671	1518	1474
COCHRANE	1384	1227	1091
CORNWALL	2146	2093	1778
DRYDEN	948	613	632
ESPANOLA	120	176	108
ETOBICOKE	5044	4967	4735
FORT FRANCES	1000	810	925
GODERICH	1325	1036	953
GORE BAY	332	441	440
GUELPH	2129	2365	2651
HAMILTON	10624	9286	9926
KENORA	2530	2919	2754
KINGSTON	4301	4359	4372
KIRKLAND LAKE	1676	1504	1696
KITCHENER	5203	5124	5114
LINDSAY	1228	1244	1270
LONDON	9760	8886	8886
L'ORIGNAL	688	605	692
MILTON	3228	3828	3785
NAPANEE	878	1044	805
NEWMARKET	5594	6097	4665
NORTH BAY	1596	1467	1401
NORTH YORK	8104	8285	8056
ORANGEVILLE	564	559	566
OSHAWA	5075	5017	5071

COMPARATIVE STUDY

TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMPORARY ORDERS

COURTS	APR. 1/80 - MAR. 31/81	APR. 1/81 - MAR. 31/82	APR. 1/82 - MAR. 31/83
OTTAWA	9731	10097	11120
OWEN SOUND	1213	1399	1502
PARRY SOUND	1026	1435	1026
PEMBROKE	2028	1927	1878
PETERBOROUGH	4549	4727	4775
PICTON	496	476	557
SARNIA	3162	3104	3819
SALT STE. MARIE	2980	2799	2644
SCARBOROUGH	7913	7724	7869
SIMCOE	1219	1111	1260
SMITHS FALLS	969	1161	1081
ST. CATHARINES	3079	3107	3452
ST. THOMAS	2079	2017	2259
STRATFORD	1019	1145	1063
SUDEBURY	3917	4509	4102
THUNDER BAY	3875	2732	3384
TIMMINS	1541	1448	1465
TORONTO	24788	36409	36073
WALKERTON	986	1008	1116
WELLAND	3204	3472	3672
WINDSOR	7929	7673	7866
WOODSTOCK	1361	1422	1325
TOTAL	189817	201940	201909

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COURT WORKLOAD

APRIL 1, 1980 - MARCH 31, 1981

COURTS	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP. ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP. ORDERS
METRO TORONTO	11292	13496	24788
HAMILTON	5586	5038	10624
LONDON	4506	5254	9760
OTTAWA	5071	4660	9731
NORTH YORK	4296	3808	8104
WINDSOR	4268	3661	7929
SCARBOROUGH	4448	3465	7913
NEWMARKET	2561	3033	5594
BRAMPTON	2971	2521	5492
KITCHENER	2964	2239	5203
OSHAWA	3035	2040	5075
ETOBICOKE	2365	2679	5044
BARRIE	2652	2186	4838
PETERBOROUGH	2032	2517	4549
BELLEVILLE	2362	2027	4389
KINGSTON	1981	2320	4301
SUDEBURY	2390	1527	3917
THUNDER BAY	2081	1794	3875
MILTON	1821	1407	3228
WELLAND	1574	1630	3204
SARNIA	1778	1384	3162
CHATHAM	1658	1426	3084
ST. CATHARINES	1878	1201	3079
SAULT STE. MARIE	1526	1454	2980
BRANTFORD	1693	1222	2915
KENORA	1523	1007	2530
CORNWALL	1170	976	2146
GUELPH	1322	807	2129
ST. THOMAS	1079	1000	2079
PEMBROKE	1108	920	2028
KIRKLAND LAKE	923	753	1676
COBourg	904	767	1671
NORTH BAY	946	650	1596
TIMMINS	896	645	1541
BROCKVILLE	765	773	1538

COURT WORKLOAD

APRIL 1, 1980 - MARCH 31, 1981

COURT	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED	ADJOURNMENTS INTERIM/TEMP. ORDER	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP. ORDER
COCHRANE	1034	350	1384
WOODSTOCK	978	383	1361
GODERICH	706	619	1325
LINDSAY	614	614	1228
SIMCOE	727	492	1219
OWEN SOUND	608	605	1213
PARRY SOUND	512	514	1026
STRATFORD	791	228	1019
FORT FRANCES	467	533	1000
WALKEPTON	633	353	986
SMITHS FALLS	482	467	949
DRYDEN	663	285	948
NAPANEE	473	405	878
CAYUGA	356	390	746
L'ORIGNAL	428	260	688
BRACEBRIDGE	379	224	603
ORANGEVILLE	326	238	564
PICTON	269	227	496
GORE BAY	234	98	332
ESKANOLA	77	43	120
TOTAL	100182	89635	189817

COURT WORKLOAD

APRIL 1, 1981 - MARCH 31, 1982

COURT	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP. ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP. ORDERS
METRO TORONTO	19020	17389	36409
OTTAWA	5022	5075	10097
HAMILTON	4455	4831	9286
LONDON	4082	4804	8886
NORTH YORK	4476	3809	8285
SCARBOROUGH	4588	3136	7724
WINDSOR	4616	3057	7673
BRAMPTON	3544	2973	6517
NEWMARKET	2633	3464	6097
KITCHENER	2748	2376	5124
BARRIE	2675	2430	5105
OSHAWA	2941	2076	5017
ETOBICOKE	2454	2513	4967
PETERBOROUGH	2244	2483	4727
SUDBURY	2675	1834	4509
KINGSTON	2037	2322	4359
BELLEVILLE	2123	1927	4050
MILTON	1954	1874	3828
THUNDER BAY	1794	1938	3732
WELLAND	1710	1762	3472
CHATHAM	1754	1456	3210
ST. CATHARINES	1834	1273	3107
SARNIA	1751	1353	3104
KENORA	1291	1628	2919
BRANTFORD	1559	1342	2901
SAULT STE MARIE	1432	1367	2799
GUELPH	1497	868	2365
CORNWALL	1282	811	2093
ST. THOMAS	1834	1273	2017
PEMBROKE	1058	869	1927
COBURG	865	653	1518
KIRKLAND LAKE	783	721	1504
BROCKVILLE	710	778	1488
NORTH BAY	925	542	1467
TIMMINS	685	763	1448

COURT WORKLOAD cont.

COURT	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP. ORDERS	TOTAL MATTER DISPOSED + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP. ORDERS
PARRY SOUND	659	776	1435
WOODSTOCK	1142	280	1422
OWEN SOUND	790	609	1399
LINDSAY	603	641	1244
COCHRANE	736	491	1227
SMITHS FALLS	543	618	1161
STRATFORD	871	274	1145
SIMCOE	657	454	1111
NAPANEE	523	521	1044
GODERICH	573	463	1036
WALKERTON	603	405	1008
FT. FRANCES	353	457	810
CAYUGA	308	352	660
BRACEBRIDGE	369	268	637
DRYDEN	304	309	613
L' ORIGNAL	320	285	605
ORANGEVILLE	330	229	559
PICTON	236	240	476
GORE BAY	306	135	441
ESPANOLA	106	70	176
TOTAL	107383	95647	201940

COURT WORKLOAD

APRIL 1, 1982 - MARCH 31, 1983

COURT	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP. ORDERS
METRO TORONTO	17922	18151	36073
OTTAWA	5458	5662	11120
HAMILTON	4672	5254	9926
LONDON	3559	5327	8886
NORTH YORK	4374	3682	8056
SCARBOROUGH	4398	3471	7869
WINDSOR	4322	3544	7866
BRAMPTON	3393	3311	6704
KITCHENER	2852	2262	5114
OSHAWA	2928	2143	5071
PETERBOROUGH	2186	2589	4775
BARRIE	2501	2268	4769
ETOBICOKE	2365	2370	4735
NEWMARKET	2079	2586	4665
KINGSTON	1845	2527	4372
BELLEVILLE	2080	2037	4117
SUDBURY	2433	1669	4102
BARNIA	2176	1643	3819
MILTON	1860	1925	3785
WELLAND	1959	1713	3672
ST. CATHARINES	1934	1518	3452
THUNDER BAY	1701	1683	3384
CHATHAM	1676	1429	3105
KENORA	1187	1567	2754
BRANTFORD	1492	1207	2699
GUELPH	1606	1045	2651
SAULT STE MARIE	1387	1257	2644
ST. THOMAS	1241	1018	2259
PEMBROKE	1092	786	1878
BROCKVILLE	846	1015	1861
CORNWALL	948	830	1778
KIRKLAND LAKE	838	858	1696
OWEN SOUND	866	636	1502
COBOURG	793	681	1474
TIMMINS	718	747	1465

COURT WORKLOAD

APRIL 1, 1982 - MARCH 31, 1983

COURT	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP. ORDERS
NORTH BAY	837	564	1401
WOODSTOCK	955	370	1325
LINDSAY	572	698	1270
SIMCOE	706	554	1260
WALKERTON	665	451	1116
COCHRANE	775	316	1091
SMITHS FALLS	488	593	1081
STRATFORD	819	244	1063
PARRY SOUND	463	563	1026
GODERICH	461	492	953
FORT FRANCES	375	550	925
CAYUGA	372	469	841
NAPANEE	440	365	805
L'ORIGNAL	345	347	692
BRACEBRIDGE	358	301	659
DRYDEN	343	289	632
ORANGEVILLE	340	226	566
PICTON	297	260	557
GORE BAY	288	152	440
ESKANOLA	66	42	108
TOTAL	103652	98257	201909

COURT CASELOAD STUDY

April 1, 1982 - March 31, 1983

COURT	OPENING BALANCE	MATTERS RECEIVED	MATTERS DISPOSED	CLOSING BALANCE	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/ TEMP/ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP/ ORDERS
BARRIE	268	2718	2501	485	2268	4769
BELLEVILLE	220	2163	2080	303	2037	4117
BRACEBRIDGE	41	355	358	38	301	659
BRAMPTON	658	3297	3393	562	3311	6704
BRANTFORD	208	1462	1492	178	1207	2699
BROCKVILLE	119	913	846	186	1015	1861
CAYUGA	70	379	372	77	469	841
CHATHAM	674	2071	1676	1069	1429	3105
COBOURG	94	837	793	138	681	1474
COCHRANE	203	809	775	237	316	1091
CORNWALL	145	965	948	162	830	1778
DRYDEN	147	290	343	94	289	632
ESPANOLA	28	80	66	42	42	108
ETOBICOKE	*	*	*2365	*	*2370	*4735
FORT FRANCES	95	397	375	117	550	925

*This figure is included with Metro Toronto.

COURT CASELOAD STUDY

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COURT	OPENING BALANCE	MATTERS RECEIVED	MATTERS DISPOSED	CLOSING BALANCE	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/ TEMP/ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP/ ORDERS
GODERICH	39	488	461	66	492	953
GUELPH	215	1579	1606	188	1045	2651
GORE BAY	24	286	288	22	152	440
HAMILTON	997	4444	4672	769	5254	9926
KENORA	171	1091	1187	75	1567	2754
KINGSTON	685	2188	1845	1028	2527	4372
KIRKLAND LAKE	71	862	838	95	858	1696
KITCHENER	677	2752	2852	577	2262	5114
LINDSAY	99	597	572	124	698	1270
LONDON	325	3637	3559	403	5327	8886
L'ORIGNAL	74	319	345	48	347	692
MILTON	404	1852	1860	396	1925	3785
NAPANEE	71	436	440	67	365	805
NEWMARKET	310	1993	2079	224	2586	4665
NORTH BAY	75	816	337	54	564	1401

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COURT CASELOAD STUDY

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COURT	OPENING BALANCE	MATTERS RECEIVED	MATTERS DISPOSED	CLOSING BALANCE	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/ TEMP/ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP/ ORDERS
NORTH YORK	788	4125	4374	539	3682	8056
OSHAWA	438	2947	2928	457	2143	5071
ORANGEVILLE	36	354	340	50	226	566
OTTAWA	669	5372	5458	583	5662	11120
OWEN SOUND	121	836	866	91	636	1502
PARRY SOUND	78	465	463	80	563	1026
PEMBROKE	128	1063	1092	99	786	1878
PETERBOROUGH	295	2146	2186	255	2589	4775
PICTON	70	278	297	51	260	557
SIMCOE	61	679	706	34	554	1260
SARNIA	341	1994	2176	159	1643	3819
SAULT STE MARIE	194	1394	1387	201	1257	2644
SCARBOROUGH	*	*	*4398	*	*3471	*7869
SMITHS FALLS	106	517	488	135	593	1081
ST. CATHARINES	223	1984	1934	273	1518	3452

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COURT CASELOAD STUDY

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COURT	OPENING BALANCE	MATTERS RECEIVED	MATTERS DISPOSED	CLOSING BALANCE	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/ TEMP/ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP/ ORDERS
ST. THOMAS	126	1178	1241	63	1018	2259
STRATFORD	49	857	819	87	244	1063
SUDBURY	164	2448	2433	179	1669	4102
THUNDER BAY	187	1722	1701	208	1683	3384
TIMMINS	78	721	718	81	747	1465
METRO TORONTO	**2681	**16337	**17922	**1096	**18151	**36073
WALKERTON	147	598	665	80	451	1116
WELLAND	374	2149	1959	564	1713	3672
WINDSOR	1188	4019	4322	885	3544	7866
WOODSTOCK	152	943	955	140	370	1325

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COURT CASELOAD STUDY

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COURT	OPENING BALANCE	MATTERS RECEIVED	MATTERS DISPOSED	CLOSING BALANCE	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/ TEMP/ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP/ ORDERS
BARRIE	312	2631	2675	268	2430	5105
BELLEVILLE	256	2087	2123	220	1927	4050
BRACEBRIDGE	50	360	369	41	268	637
BRAMPTON	730	3472	3544	658	2973	6517
BRANTFORD	253	1514	1559	208	1342	2901
BROCKVILLE	80	749	710	119	778	1488
CAYUGA	70	308	308	70	352	660
CHATHAM	204	2224	1754	674	1456	3210
COBOURG	125	834	865	94	653	1518
COCHRANE	176	763	736	203	491	1227
CORNWALL	209	1218	1282	145	811	2093
DRYDEN	40	411	304	147	309	613
ESPANOLA	18	116	106	28	70	176
ETOBICOKE	*	*	*2454	*	*2513	*4967
FT. FRANCES	88	360	353	95	457	810

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COURT CASELOAD STUDY

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COURT	OPENING BALANCE	MATTERS RECEIVED	MATTERS DISPOSED	CLOSING BALANCE	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/ TEMP/ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP/ ORDERS
GODERICH	64	548	573	39	463	1036
GORE BAY	20	310	306	24	135	441
GUELPH	174	1538	1497	215	868	2365
HAMILTON	908	4544	4455	997	4831	9286
KENORA	121	1341	1291	171	1628	2919
KINGSTON	327	2395	2037	685	2322	4359
KIRKLAND LAKE <i>KIRKLAND LAKE</i>	46 <i>51</i>	808 <i>2801</i>	783 <i>2148</i>	71 <i>611</i>	721 <i>2576</i>	1504 <i>5134</i>
LINDSAY	96	606	603	99	641	1244
LONDON	507	3900	4082	325	4804	8886
L'ORIGNAL	36	358	320	74	285	605
MILTON	353	2005	1954	404	1874	3828
NAPANEE	70	524	523	71	521	1044
NEWMARKET	528	2415	2633	310	3464	6097
NORTH BAY	95	905	925	75	542	1467
NORTH YORK	649	4615	4476	788	3809	8285

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COURT CASELOAD STUDY
April 1, 1981 - March 31, 1982

COURT	OPENING BALANCE	MATTERS RECEIVED	MATTERS DISPOSED	CLOSING BALANCE	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/ TEMP/ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP/ ORDERS
ORANGEVILLE	39	327	330	36	229	559
OSHAWA	554	2825	2941	438	2076	5017
OTTAWA	556	5135	5022	669	5075	10097
OWEN SOUND	135	776	790	121	609	1399
PARRY SOUND	119	618	659	78	776	1435
PEMBROKE	152	1034	1058	128	869	1927
PETERBOROUGH	328	2211	2244	295	2483	4727
PICTON	28	278	236	70	240	476
SARNIA	217	1875	1751	341	1353	3104
SAULT STE MARIE	205	1421	1432	194	1367	2799
SCARBOROUGH	*	*	*4588	*	*3136	*7724
SIMCOE	120	598	657	61	454	1111
SMITHS FALLS	45	604	543	106	618	1161
ST. CATHARINES	150	1907	1834	223	1273	3107
ST. THOMAS	116	1107	1097	126	920	2017

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COURT CASELOAD STUDY

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COURT	OPENING BALANCE	MATTERS RECEIVED	MATTERS DISPOSED	CLOSING BALANCE	ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/ TEMP/ORDERS	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED + ADJOURNMENTS + INTERIM/TEMP/ ORDERS
STRATFORD	66	854	871	49	274	1145
SUDBURY	269	2570	2675	164	1834	4509
THUNDER BAY	211	1770	1794	187	1938	3732
TIMMINS	79	684	685	78	763	1448
METRO TORONTO	**3154	**18547	**19020	**2681	**17389	**36409
WALKERTON	107	643	603	147	405	1008
WELLAND	269	1815	1710	374	1762	3472
WINDSOR	1235	4569	4616	1188	3057	7673
WOODSTOCK	190	1104	1142	152	280	1422

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